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REPORT

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Soviet Tank Repair Shop at Wunsdorf

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29 August 1952

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REMARKS

1. In June, [redacted] Lieutenant Colonel Khokhlov (fnu), the commanding officer of the tank repair shop in Wunsdorf, commanded about 30 Soviet officers. The officers were department chiefs and supervisors. One section was headed by a field-grade officer who was assisted by a senior lieutenant and a lieutenant. Lieutenant Colonel Gilkin (fnu) was head of the assembly shop, while Major Emilianov (fnu) headed the nickel-chromium-plating section. A Soviet document was found at the repair shop; it contained data on the manufacture of an unknown type of steel shaft. [redacted]

2. The tank repair shop consisted of four departments: the first included the office and quarters of the headquarters; the second, the depot for the repaired tanks and motorcycles; the third, the repair shops which manufactured small spare parts, screws, nuts, nails, etc; and the fourth, the workshops where tanks and guns were repaired. These shops included a forge, a casting house, an assembly section for bogie wheels, a nickel-chromium plating section, a lathe shop, a grinding shop, a locksmith shop, an assembly shop with conveyor belt, and washing plant where the tanks and guns were disassembled, a welding shop, a carpenter's shop and a designing office.

3. Twelve T-34 tanks were turned in for repair during the time under review. [redacted] Neither their unit or post could be identified.

4. [redacted]

5. On 14 June, a total of 15 T-34/85 tanks which had been completely overhauled, were released. All workshops worked full speed.

6. Tanks entrained after complete overhaul included 1 T-34/85 tank on 21 and 1 on 25 June; 22 motorcycles with sidecars on 27 June; and 1 armored scout car on 28 June.

7. On 24 June, four carloads of disk bogie wheels arrived at the railroad station. Tires were fitted only after the bogie wheels were processed at the lathe shop.

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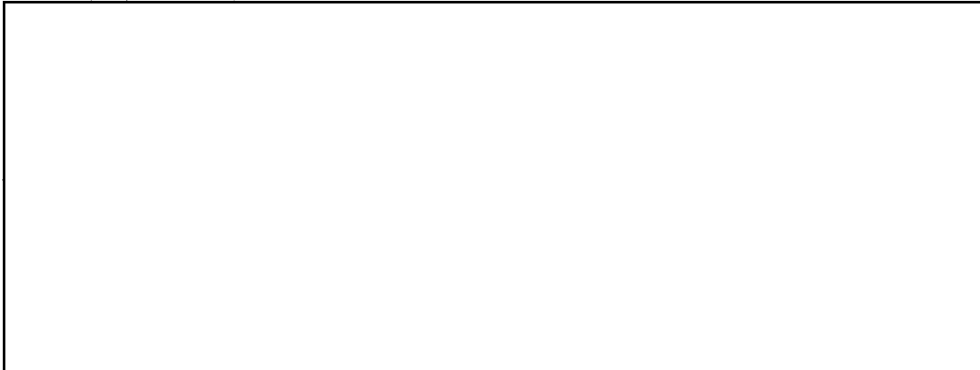


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8. Motor vehicles observed at the shop included sedans [redacted]
prime mover [redacted] van-like trucks [redacted], apparently
workshop trucks, [redacted]

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9. The personnel assigned to the repair shop allegedly consisted of about 60 Soviet officers and 600 to 700 men wearing red-bordered black epauletts and an undetermined number of German workers. About 35 percent of the personnel wore tank insignia.

10. On 15 June, the workshops and the area of the railroad station were inspected by several Soviet general staff officers. The soldiers had to leave the workshops during the inspection. One officer rode sedan [redacted] **

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11. About 300 soldiers and 400 German workers were employed at the repair shop. About [redacted] and JS tanks were under repair. Except for three German electricians, only soldiers worked on the tanks. ***



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